

The invention claimed is:

1. A film dispensing device for a stretch wrap machine, the film dispensing device comprising:
 - a support structure;
 - a film support for rotatably holding a roll of stretchable film;
 - a first roller rotatably mounted to the support structure and defining a first end;
 - a second roller rotatably mounted to the support structure and defining a first end;
 - a take-off device for supporting film as it is fed from the film dispensing device;
 - a powered drive assembly including a motor, the powered drive assembly configured to rotate the first and second rollers to stretch a film between the rollers;
 - an elongated flexible member forming a loop and having a connector adapted for securing stretchable film;
 - a guide assembly adjacent the first ends of the first and second rollers movably supporting the elongated flexible member to guide stretchable film through the film dispensing device; and wherein:
 - the powered drive assembly includes a disengagable drive that is operably coupled to the elongated flexible member to provide powered movement of the elongated flexible member, the drive member being disengagable from the motor such that the first and second rollers can be rotated under power while the elongated flexible member is disengaged from the motor.
2. The film dispensing device of claim 1, wherein:
 - the elongated flexible member comprises a chain;
 - the guide assembly comprises a plurality of sprockets.
3. The film dispensing device of claim 2, wherein:
 - the disengagable drive assembly includes a drive sprocket and a clutch that selectively couples the drive sprocket to the motor.

4. The film dispensing device of claim 3, wherein:
the drive sprocket and clutch are mounted to the first end of the second rollers.
5. The film dispensing device of claim 4, including:
first and second gears interconnecting the first and second rollers and rotating the first and second rollers at different rates.
6. The film dispensing device of claim 5, wherein:
the first roller defines a first diameter;
the second roller defines a second diameter that is greater than the first diameter.
7. The film dispensing device of claim 2, wherein:
the guide assembly includes a tensioner generating tension on the chain.
8. The film dispensing device of claim 7, wherein:
the tensioner includes a sprocket that is movably mounted to the support structure, and resilient member biasing the sprocket to tension the chain.
9. The film dispensing device of claim 8, wherein:
the resilient member comprises a spring.
10. The film dispensing device of claim 9, wherein:
the take-off device comprises a pair of rollers.
11. The film dispensing device of claim 2, wherein:
the guide assembly includes first and second sprockets configured to guide the chain in a path having an S-shaped portion adjacent the first and second rollers to pull film between the first and second rollers.

12. The film dispensing device of claim 11, wherein:
the first and second rollers rotate in opposite directions.
13. A stretch wrap machine, comprising:
a base;
a wrapping area for supporting an object to be wrapped;
a film dispensing device providing film for wrapping an object positioned in the wrapping area;
the stretching device comprising:
a support structure connected to the base;
first and second rollers rotatably mounted to the support structure;
a take-off device for supporting film as it is fed from the film dispensing device;
a powered drive assembly including a motor, the powered drive assembly configured to rotate the first and second rollers to stretch a film between the rollers;
an elongated flexible member forming a loop and having a connector adapted for securing stretchable film;
a guide assembly adjacent the first ends of the first and second rollers movably supporting the elongated flexible member to guide stretchable film through the film dispensing device;
a drive member operably coupled to the elongated flexible member for moving the elongated flexible member to thread film through the film dispensing device, wherein the drive member can be selectively decoupled from the elongated flexible member while the motor rotates the first and second rollers.
14. The stretch wrap machine of claim 13, including:
a rotatable turntable for rotating an object to be wrapped.
15. The stretch wrap machine of claim 14, wherein:
the elongated flexible member comprises a chain;
the guide assembly comprises a plurality of sprockets.

16. The stretch wrap machine of claim 15, wherein:
the drive member comprises a drive sprocket; and including:
a releasable clutch connecting the drive sprocket to the motor.
17. The stretch wrap machine of claim 16, wherein:
the drive sprocket and clutch are mounted to the first end of the second roller.
18. The stretch wrap machine of claim 17, including:
first and second gears interconnecting the first and second rollers and rotating the first
and second rollers at different rates.
19. The stretch wrap machine of claim 18, wherein:
the take-off device comprises a pair of rollers.
20. The stretch wrap machine of claim 13, including:
a tensioning device tensioning the elongated flexible member.
21. A film dispensing device, comprising:
first and second rollers;
a motor operably coupled to the first and second rollers and providing powered rotation
of the first and second rollers;
an elongated flexible member adapted to guide film through the film dispensing device;
a drive member adapted to move the elongated flexible member;
a clutch selectively coupling the motor to the drive member.
22. The film dispensing device of claim 21, including:
a guide assembly configured to movably support the elongated flexible member.

23. The film dispensing device of claim 22, wherein:
the elongated flexible member comprises a chain;
the guide assembly comprises a plurality of sprockets.
24. The film dispensing device of claim 23, wherein:
the drive member comprises a drive sprocket.
25. The film dispensing device of claim 24, including:
first and second gears interconnecting the first and second rollers and rotating the first
and second rollers at different rates.
26. The film dispensing device of claim 25, wherein:
the guide assembly includes a tensioner generating tension on the chain.